



USAID AND ARMENIA: **PARTNERS SINCE 1992**

USAID supports a variety of activities that work at the national and local levels in all ten marzes (regions). By supporting more inclusive and sustainable economic growth; participatory, effective, and accountable governance; and reforms to the social sector, USAID activities work towards a goal of **a more engaged, prosperous, and well-governed Armenian society.**

Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth

Investment Support Program

Partner: Dalberg Consulting

Active: June 2019-March 2020

Supports the Government of Armenia's economic reform agenda by providing technical assistance on a broad range of economic growth initiatives, including tourism, agriculture, employment, trade, ICT, and sectoral strategy development.

ENERGY

Market Liberalization and Electricity Trade Program

Partner: Tetra Tech

Active: June 2018-June 2023

Promotes market liberalization reforms, supports electricity trade with Georgia, and improves energy supply diversification, efficiency and transparency.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Rural Economic Development-New Economic Opportunities (RED-NEO)

Partner: Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development Foundation (CARD)

Active: February 2019-February 2024

Promotes inclusive, sustainable economic security and growth by connecting producers and buyers, establishing networks to support economic development, and improving Small Medium Enterprises and farms to develop and grow. The project works in 60 communities throughout all 10 marzes in Armenia and focuses on the horticulture value chain and the hospitality sector.

“My Armenia” Cultural Tourism Program

Partner: Smithsonian Institution

Active: July 2015-September 2020

Bolsters the rural private sector to develop and offer a wider range of cultural tourism products, helping local economies benefit from this rapidly growing sector while preserving Armenia’s unique cultural heritage. The project works Vayots Dzor, Syunik, Lori, Tavush, and Shirak marzes.

WATER

Advanced Science and Partnerships for Integrated Resource Development (ASPIRED)

Partner: Mendez England and Associates

Active: September 2015-September 2020

Works with regulatory bodies, through the Ministry of Environment and its Water Resource Management Agency, and the private sector to encourage investments for employing efficient water management systems in the Ararat Valley, support environmentally friendly fish-farming practices, inform decision making on water management through data and modelling, develop policy and regulatory frameworks, and invest in clean energy options.

Participatory Utilization and Resource Efficiency of Water in the Ararat Valley (PURE Water)

Partner: Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development

Active: March 2017-March 2020

Supports development of a policy and regulatory framework for improved access to water, facilitates participation and oversight of integrated water management practices in 12 target communities in Armavir and Ararat marzes, raises awareness and fosters water-related behavioral change among water stakeholders.

Participatory, Effective, and Accountable Governance

REFORM PRIORITIES

Local Governance Reform Activity

Partner: Territorial Development Fund of Armenia

Active: August 2015-August 2020

Provides assistance to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure to implement the Territorial and Administrative Reform of Armenia and strengthen local governance through improved service delivery to constituents and provides matching grants for community development in 13 consolidated clusters.

Civic Engagement in Local Governance (CELoG)

Partner: Communities Finance Officers Association

Active: September 2014-August 2020

Mobilizes citizens around targeted reform areas, including Territorial and Administrative Reform and improved local governance.

Armenia Support Initiative

Partner: Management Systems International (MSI)

Active: August 2019-September 2020

Partners with the government and civil society to support the Armenian government's reform agenda at the national and local levels and mobilizes citizens in support of social projects.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Strengthening of Inclusive Education System

Partner: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport

Active: April 2016-April 2021

USAID works directly with the Ministry to strengthen Armenia's inclusive education system in order to implement national child welfare reforms. Through small-scale adjustments in selected schools and pedagogical-psychological centers, the project ensures that learning environments are physically adapted to be inclusive of children with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

Community Level Access to Social Services (CLASS)

Partner: World Vision

Active: September 2017-September 2020

Promotes the establishment of community-based social services in Armenia through the introduction of a community-based social worker position within local government and by enabling communities to identify, prevent, and address their social issues.

Leading for Independent Living

Partner: Mobility International USA

Active: September 2019-September 2022

Promotes independent living and the inclusion of persons with disabilities by facilitating accessible, affordable and sustainable community-based support and services in Lori and Shirak marzes.

ELECTIONS

Strengthening Electoral Processes and Political Accountability

Partner: Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS)- International Foundation of Election Systems (IFES), National Democratic Institute (NDI) & International Republican Institute (IRI)

Active: September 2018-September 2022

Leverages the political will and energy created by the government transition in Armenia to build government capacity to respond to strategic priorities, improve election administration and oversight, and strengthen institutions of political accountability for inclusive political competition.

MEDIA

Media for Informed Civic Engagement

Partner: Media Initiatives Center

Active: September 2014-May 2021

Improves citizens' access to independent and reliable sources of information. This media-for-development approach focuses on priority reform areas and strengthens the media's capacity to be independent and meet professional industry standards.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Promoting Transparency and Accountability through Advanced Civil Society

Participation

Partner: Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center (TIAC)

Active: November 2014-May 2021

Supports locally led civil society consortia to mobilize citizens around the targeted reform areas of anti-corruption and improved transparency and accountability.

Support for the Sustainability of the Center for Development of Legislation and Legal Studies

Partner: Ministry of Justice

Active: September 2019-March 2021

Supports the Ministry of Justice to enhance its institutional capacity and expertise in legislative drafting, review, and analysis through the establishment of the Center for Development of Legislation and Legal Studies.

Investment Support Program

Partner: Dalberg Consulting

Active: June 2019-March 2020

Supports the Government of Armenia's democratic reform agenda through the provision of technical assistance to the Ministry of Justice on capacity building, strategic planning, and coordination with the newly established Corruption Prevention Commission.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Promoting the Human Rights of LGBTI People in Armenia

Partner: Public Information and Need of Knowledge (PINK) NGO

Active: September 2019-September 2022

Advances human rights of LGBTI people and protects them from violence and discrimination, specifically focused on strengthening data collection and research, conducting behavior change communications, promoting legal inclusiveness, and providing emergency assistance in cases of violence.

OTHER

Local Works

Partner: Multiple awards

Active: Ongoing

Promotes locally-led and community-centered development in consolidated communities through support for citizen-identified community priorities. The program encourages communities to become self-reliant so that they envision, own, and lead community development processes, and garner the support they need to enhance their resilience and reduce dependence on the central government.

Small Project Assistance (SPA)- Inter-Agency Partnership Agreement (PAPA)

Partner: Peace Corps

Active: Ongoing

Provides small grant assistance to Peace Corps Volunteers and their communities to pursue low-cost, grassroots sustainable development.